

### **Inland Incidents:**

- **Inland Chemical Fire, Manati, Puerto Rico** - On April 8, 2008, a fire broke out at the Inland Chemical of Puerto Rico Inc (AKA Safety Kleen of Puerto Rico) facility located in Manati, Puerto Rico. This facility contained drums of solvents and other flammable liquids, drums of mercury waste, and drums of corrosive materials. The fire consumed an intermodal container (trailer) and a portion of a chemical storage warehouse. The local Fire Department and EQB were dispatched to the scene immediately. EPA's Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC) was notified of the incident by EPA's Caribbean Environmental Protection Division (CEPD) on April 9, 2008, and an OSC was deployed to the facility. Clean Harbors was hired by Safety Kleen to perform removal services. EQB requested oversight support from EPA. EPA conducted several site visits to the facility over the next several months. On August 4, 2008, EPA confirmed that all waste generated as a result of the fire had been removed, including 45,000 gallons of contaminated water, 50,000 pounds of contaminated soil and gravel, 20 cubic yards of debris, and approximately 121,000 pounds of containerized waste.
- **Luis Munoz Marin International Airport Spill, Carolina, Puerto Rico** - On March 25, 2008, jet fuel was detected in one of the airport's internal water channels. The airport is surrounded by wetlands to the North and East, with several channels leading to the Atlantic Ocean. Responders concentrated in mitigating and controlling the oil spill migration in several areas by placing containment boom as well as absorbent barriers. EPA and the PR Environmental Quality Board (EQB) detected the presence of free jet fuel in the airport's storm drain system. The system was flushed out by vacuum trucks and water injection, but the storm drain recharged itself with more fuel. Affected areas were assessed for oil pockets and damage to the mangroves by the Puerto Rico Department of Natural Resources (DRNA). Water and soils samples were collected and analyzed for fingerprints and other parameters.

Four Field Notices of Federal Interest were issued by EPA to request that the identified PRPs - the Puerto Rico Ports Authority, BP Oil, ESSO Oil and Caribbean Airport Service - assume responsibility of the clean-up and mitigation actions. On April 8, 2008, ERT informed EPA that the data collected identified 2 to 3 different oil spills, or an old spill at least a 1 year old with the onset of a new spill, had occurred. ERT recommended that a more in-depth study be conducted by installing ground wells on site, to delineate the extent of contamination and define the amount of jet fuel under the concrete pad. EPA conducted a meeting between the PRPs and the RCRA program and it was agreed that future actions on site will be taken under the EPA RCRA Order, thus completing the OPA Oil Spill Response.

